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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Satoru Adachi et al.

Appln. No.: 10/680,205

Filed: October 8, 2003

For: IMAGE ENCODING METHOD, IMAGE DECODING METHOD, IMAGE ENCODING APPARATUS, IMAGE DECODING APPARATUS, IMAGE ENCODING PROGRAM, AND IMAGE DECODING PROGRAM

Attorney Docket No: 9683/261

Examiner: Patel, Jayesh A

Art Unit: 2635

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Attached is/are:

Transmittal (in duplicate); Response to Election/Restriction Requirement and Amendment (5 Pages)
 Return Receipt Postcard.

Fee calculation:

No additional fee is required.
 Small Entity.
 An extension fee in an amount of \$____ for a ____-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
 A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(____).
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	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity		Not a Small Entity	
					Rate	Add'l Fee	or	Rate
Total	5	Minus	10	0	x \$25=		x \$50=	0
Indep.	3	Minus	6	0	x 100=		x \$200=	0
First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$180=		+\$360=	
					Total	\$	Total	\$0

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A check in the amount of \$____ is enclosed.
 Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$____. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
 Payment by credit card in the amount of \$____ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
 The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

Tadashi Horie
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the election/restriction requirement dated December 11, 2006, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group II, i.e., claims 2, 6, 7, 8 and 10, without traverse.

Applicants plan to file a divisional application for the non-elected claims and hereby make the following amendments to cancel the non-elected claims: